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# BATMAN

With ROBIN THE BOY WONDER

WHO HASN'T DAY-DREAMED, AT SOME TIME OR ANOTHER, OF BEING A **KING?** TO MOST OF US IT'S JUST A WISH, BUT TO ONE MAN IT ACTUALLY HAPPENED, AND THAT MAN WAS **BATMAN!** YES, THE KING OF LAWMEN IS SUDDENLY TRANSFORMED INTO REAL ROYALTY, WHEN A DEVIOUS AND DANGEROUS CONSPIRACY HURTLES HIM INTO THE RISKY ROLE OF --

## HIS MAJESTY, KING BATMAN

BOB KANE

WHEN GOTHAM CITY PREPARES A BIG WELCOME FOR A FAMOUS VISITOR, ITS TWO TOP LAWMEN ARE ALWAYS ON THE JOB...

THERE'S THE LINER WITH THE KING ON IT, **ROBIN!** THE COMMISSIONER WANTS US TO COVER THE RECEPTION-PARADE, TOO, FOR SAFETY!

THE **BATMOBILE'S** PARKED ON THE PIER -- WE CAN SWITCH TO IT FOR THE PARADE, **BATMAN!**

JUST THEN...

LOOK... SOME ENTERPRISING NEWSREEL CAMERAMEN ARE GOING TO BOARD THE LINER BEFORE IT EVEN DOCKS, AND GET FIRST PICTURES OF THE KING!

I WONDER...? THEY'RE TAKING PICTURES INTO THE SUN, WHICH NO EXPERIENCED CAMERAMAN WOULD DO! WE'D BETTER GO DOWN THERE AND CHECK!

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AND AS THE **BAT-PLANE** LANDS ON ITS AUXILIARY HELICOPTERS...

COME ON--KING ERIC'S CABIN IS THIS WAY!

NO, WAIT-- **BATMAN** SPOTTED US SOMEHOW!

THEN, WE'LL GET OUT OF HERE AND TRY AGAIN LATER! THAT CARGO-CRANE WILL KEEP THE **BAT-PLANE** FROM FOLLOWING US!

THAT'S MAYNE MALAN, A WANTED THIEF! BUT BY THE TIME WE GET THIS CRANE OFF THE **BAT-PLANE**, IT'LL BE TOO LATE TO CATCH HIM!

AND AS HIGH-POWERED THIEVES MAKE A FAST ESCAPE...

I'M KING ERIC OF NORANIA, AND THESE ARE CHANCELLOR ZARITS AND COUNT VIRAS! I CERTAINLY ENJOYED SEEING THE FAMOUS **BATMAN** IN ACTION!

THAT ATTEMPT WAS AIMED AT YOU, YOUR MAJESTY! YOU'RE NOT SAFE!

I'LL VOUCH FOR HIS MAJESTY'S SAFETY-- IF I CAN SEE HIM ALONE!

SHORTLY, IN THE KING'S CABIN...

SO THAT'S WHAT THOSE CROOKS WERE AFTER... THE CROWN JEWELS OF NORANIA! IT WAS RISKY TO BRING THEM!

PERHAPS... BUT I MUST WEAR THEM WHEN I MAKE AN IMPORTANT OFFICIAL SPEECH HERE! YOU SEE, I'VE COME TO TRY AND GET A LOAN THAT MY COUNTRY BADLY NEEDS!

MALAN IS A RUTHLESS CROOK, AND I'M AFRAID YOU'RE IN GRAVE DANGER, YOUR MAJESTY! THAT'S WHY I WANT YOU TO CHANGE PLACES WITH **ME**, UNTIL THIS PUBLIC RECEPTION IS OVER!

YOU MEAN, YOU'LL IMPERSONATE ME, AND **I'LL** BECOME **BATMAN**? THAT WOULD BE A THRILL!

THUS, AS THE LINER NEARS THE DOCKS, THE MAKE-UP SKILL OF **BATMAN** TRANSFORMS HIM INTO A DOUBLE OF KING ERIC...

I HOPE YOU'LL PARDON THE SCREEN... I CAN'T LET EVEN YOU SEE MY REAL FACE UNTIL IT'S DISGUISED!

I UNDERSTAND! IT WILL BE A GREAT ADVENTURE FOR ME, BEING THE **BATMAN** OF WHOM I'VE READ SO MUCH!

AND PRESENTLY, GOTHAM CITY GIVES A TRADITIONAL TICKER-TAPE RECEPTION TO A DISTINGUISHED VISITOR..

TO DRIVE THE **BATMOBILE** AND WEAR THIS COSTUME... I'D NEVER HAD A THRILL LIKE THIS!

THE WORST DANGER WILL BE PAST WHEN THIS PUBLIC RECEPTION IS OVER AND WE CAN RE-EXCHANGE IDENTITIES!

BUT LATER, IN THE GOTHAM CITY MANSION LOANED TO KING ERIC, **BATMAN** FINDS IT'S EASIER TO **START** PLAYING KING THAN TO **STOP**...

NO, I WANT TO KEEP ON BEING **BATMAN**--ER--I MEAN, I WANT YOU TO PLAY MY PART TILL THOSE CROOKS ARE CAUGHT AND ALL DANGER IS OVER!

PERHAPS YOU'RE RIGHT, **ROBIN** WILL LOOK AFTER YOU, AND YOU TWO CAN STAY NEARBY, PRETENDING TO GUARD ME!

**BATMAN** HAS FACED REPORTERS BEFORE--BUT NOT AS ROYALTY...

MAY WE HAVE A PICTURE OF YOU IN YOUR CROWN, KING ERIC?

HIS MAJESTY WEARS THE CROWN ONLY ON STATE OCCASIONS! HE'LL WEAR IT TOMORROW, WHEN HE MAKES A SPEECH TO YOUR COUNTRY FROM **TELEVISION CITY**, AND NOT UNTIL THEN!

HMM... THAT SPEECH IS NEWS TO ME--AND IT COULD MEAN TROUBLE!

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BUT A BIGGER SURPRISE AWAITS **BATMAN** WHEN HE REPAIRS TO HIS PRIVATE BEDROOM...

WHY, THE JEWELS IN THIS CROWN AND SCEPTER ARE **FAKE!** IT CAN'T BE JUST A SAFETY PRECAUTION, OR THEY'D HAVE TOLD ME ABOUT IT! LOOKS LIKE THE JEWELS HAVE **ALREADY** BEEN STOLEN--BUT BY WHOM?

SKILLFULL QUESTIONING OF TWO TRUSTED OFFICIALS ONLY DEEPENS THE MYSTERY...

BUT THERE'S NO NEED TO INSPECT THE CROWN JEWELS AGAIN--THEY WERE INSPECTED BEFORE WE SAILED! AND ONLY WE THREE HAVE HAD ACCESS TO THEM!

OH--OF COURSE!

IF THAT'S TRUE, THE FAKE GEMS WERE SUBSTITUTED DURING THE VOYAGE--BUT BY WHICH MAN? I'VE GOT TO FIND OUT! WONDER WHERE **ROBIN** IS?

TO HIS DISMAY, **ROBIN** IS BURDENED WITH A KING ON HOLIDAY!

LOOK... THE **BAT-SIGNAL!** I'VE READ ALL ABOUT IT... WE MUST ANSWER ITS SUMMONS AT ONCE!

BUT YOUR MAJESTY, I MEAN--ER--**BATMAN**... YOU SHOULD STAY HERE!

NONSENSE! AFTER DULL ROYAL ROUTINE ALL THESE YEARS, I'M NOT PASSING UP THIS CHANCE FOR ADVENTURE!

OH, OH... **BATMAN** ISN'T GOING TO LIKE THIS-- BUT I'LL LOOK AFTER KING ERIC!

AT POLICE HEADQUARTERS, COMMISSIONER GORDON MEETS A STRANGELY CHANGED **BATMAN**...

WHAT IS IT, COMMISSIONER? YOU HAVE OUR PERMISSION TO SPEAK!

YOUR PERMISSION? WHO DO YOU THINK YOU ARE, **BATMAN**?

**BATMAN'S** JUST--ER-- KIDDING, COMMISSIONER!

HMPH-- THIS IS NO KIDDING MATTER! A PATROL CAR REPORTED GLIMPSING MAYNE MALAN, THE THIEF WHO TRIED TO ROB THE LINER TODAY, NEAR **SUMMER STREET** AND **80th AVENUE!**

THEN WE'LL GET AFTER HIM FAST! COME ON, **ROBIN**

BUT-- BUT...

*MINUTES LATER...*

PLEASE TAKE IT EASY, YOUR MAJESTY!

I'VE ALWAYS WANTED TO DRIVE A HIGH-POWERED CAR, BUT MY GUARDS WOULDN'T LET ME RISK IT! BUT THIS IS MY NIGHT OUT--SO HANG ON!

*SOON...* YOU SAY THIS IS THE NEIGHBORHOOD WHERE THE THIEVES WERE SEEN, **ROBIN**--? BUT THERE'S NO SIGN OF THEM HERE NOW!

WAIT--THAT BIG EXCAVATING SHOVEL HAS BEEN MOVED FROM THE BUILDING-SITE NEARBY! THEY COULD'VE USED IT TO CLIMB INTO THE HELICOPTER FACTORY!

*HIS MAJESTY "**BATMAN**" IS ONLY TOO EAGER TO INVESTIGATE...*

YOU WERE RIGHT, **ROBIN**-- THERE THEY ARE, TRYING TO STEAL A HELICOPTER! STOP, THIEVES-- IN THE KING'S NAME!

NOT SO LOUD, KING!

OH, GOLLY, NOW HE'S DONE IT! GOT TO GET HIM OUT OF HERE...

WIND TUNNEL

BUT KINGS ARE USED TO **GIVING** ORDERS, NOT **TAKING** THEM...

HA, WE FRIGHTENED THEM! COME, **ROBIN**-- WE CAN TRAP THEM IN THIS BUILDING!

**HE'S** THE ONE THAT'LL GET TRAPPED--BUT HE WON'T LISTEN TO ME! HMM--THOSE SKYLIGHT HATCHES ON THE ROOF...

AS THE CROOKS ENTER THE BUILDING...

THAT WAS SMART WORK, DECOYING HIM INTO THE BIG WIND TUNNEL! BUT WHERE'S THE BRAT?

NEVER MIND HIM-- WE GOT **BATMAN!** I'LL JUST TURN THE AIR-BLAST ON FULL AND...

SO BY THE TIME **ROBIN** CAN RESUME THE CHASE...

WAIT... NO TIME FOR THAT-- HERE COMES **ROBIN!** AND THAT HELICOPTER IS MORE IMPORTANT RIGHT NOW THAN **BATMAN!** COME ON...

CAN'T FOLLOW THEM... MUST GET THE KING OUT OF THAT WIND-TUNNEL AT ONCE!

THEY'VE ESCAPED--BUT PERHAPS WE CAN KEEP THAT HELICOPTER IN SIGHT FROM THE **BATMOBILE**...

NOT A CHANCE! WHAT WE'VE GOT TO DO NOW IS FIGURE OUT **WHY** THEY STOLE IT... AND YOU HAVE TO GET BACK AND RE-EXCHANGE IDENTITIES WITH **BATMAN**, SO YOU CAN MAKE YOUR TV SPEECH!

OH, NO-- I'M HAVING MUCH TOO GOOD A TIME! I'M A POOR SPEAKER ANYWAY-- **BATMAN** CAN MAKE A BETTER SPEECH THAN I, IF HE HAS TO!

WHEW! THIS EXPERIENCE HASN'T TAUGHT THE KING ANYTHING! WELL, **BATMAN** WON'T NEED ME ANYHOW, SINCE **TELEVISION CITY** WILL BE RINGED WITH GUARDS FOR THE ROYAL ADDRESS, AND NO CROOKS CAN GET IN THERE...

...UNLESS THEY USE THE ONE WAY NOBODY WOULD EXPECT THEM TO!

OKAY-- LET'S GO, KING...ER... **BATMAN!** I SEE NOW WHAT THE CROOKS' PLAN IS-- WE'VE GOT TO MOVE FAST!

CARRY ON!

MEANWHILE, WHERE A WORRIED **BATMAN** HAS BEEN SPENDING A SLEEPLESS NIGHT...

THE CHANCELLOR **COULD** HAVE SUBSTITUTED THOSE FAKE JEWELS AND TAKEN THE REAL ONES--AND OF COURSE, MALAN AND HIS THIEVES WOULDN'T KNOW THAT...

IT'S TIME TO LEAVE FOR **TELEVISION CITY**, YOUR MAJESTY!

BUT I CAN'T MAKE THAT SPEECH! I--UH--MEAN, IT WOULD BE TOO DANGEROUS, TO WEAR THE CROWN JEWELS IN PUBLIC!

THE POLICE WILL GUARD EVERY GATE INTO **TELEVISION CITY**, AND WE'LL HAVE A POLICE ESCORT! **BATMAN** AND **ROBIN** ARE DOUBTLESS KEEPING SHARP WATCH, TOO!

COULDN'T WE POST-PONE THE SPEECH?

IMPOSSIBLE! YOUR MAJESTY KNOWS THAT THE LOAN TO NORANIA, WHICH OUR COUNTRY NEEDS SO BADLY, MAY DEPEND ON YOUR SPEECH TODAY!

AND SO, A ROYAL CAVALCADE SOON ENTERS THAT GREAT NEW BROADCASTING CENTER KNOWN AS **TELEVISION CITY**...

**BATMAN** AND **ROBIN** SEEM TO HAVE FAILED US--BUT YOU CAN SEE HOW WELL EACH ENTRANCE IS GUARDED!

WHY DID **ROBIN** LET KING ERIC RUN OFF AND LEAVE ME IN A SPOT LIKE THIS?

PRESENTLY, AS THE SHAKY "KING" BEGINS AN IMPORTANT SPEECH...

IT'S UP TO ME, SO I'VE GOT TO DO THE BEST I CAN FOR NORANIA!

PEOPLE OF AMERICA, MY LITTLE COUNTRY SENDS ITS GREETINGS TO YOUR GREAT ONE!

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AT THIS VERY MOMENT, CLOSE BY...

AT LAST--**BATMAN** AND **ROBIN**!

BUT, **ROBIN**, THE CRIMINALS WE'RE TRAILING COULDN'T HAVE ENTERED HERE!

I'M NOT SO SURE--WE'LL SOON SEE...

MINUTES LATER, IN TELEVISION CITY'S GREAT PROPERTY WAREHOUSE...

WHY ARE YOU COMING TO THIS PLACE?

FAKE AIRPLANES OF ALL KINDS ARE KEPT HERE! THE CROOKS COULD HAVE BROUGHT THAT STOLEN 'COPTER IN AT NIGHT AND--AND... LOOK!

I WAS RIGHT--SEE?

IT'S TIME, BOSS--THE KING'S SPEAKING NOW! IT'LL BE A CINCH, WITH THE GUARDS ALL **OUTSIDE**! WE'LL GRAB THE JEWELS AND GET AWAY FAST IN THE 'COPTER!

HOLD IT...THERE'S **BATMAN** AND **ROBIN**! WE'VE GOT TO TAKE CARE OF THEM FIRST!

OR PERHAPS WE'LL TAKE CARE OF **YOU** FIRST...

MY ANCESTORS USED SWORDS LIKE THIS TO ROUT RASCALS... I CAN, TOO!

NO--DON'T!

I CAN'T STOP HIM--GOT TO STOP **THEM** INSTEAD! MAYBE WITH THAT PHONY ROCKET-SHIP...

THAT PROP ROCKET HAS COME TO THE RESCUE IN A LOT OF TV THRILLERS... I HOPE IT DOESN'T FAIL **ME**!

AND JUST AS **BATMAN** FINISHES "KING ERIC'S" ADDRESS...

...SO AMERICA AND NORANIA, WE HOPE, WILL ALWAYS BE FRIENDS!

A GREAT SPEECH, YOUR MAJESTY! THE BEST YOU EVER MADE!

**BATMAN** AND **ROBIN** ARE BATTLING CROOKS IN THE PROP WAREHOUSE!

GO SEEK SAFETY, YOUR MAJESTY... WE'LL GUARD THE CROWN JEWELS!

YES, WITH OUR LIVES!

THEY WOULDN'T RISK THEIR LIVES TO DEFEND **FAKE** GEMS--SO **NEITHER** OF THEM COULD HAVE MADE THE SWITCH!

ALL RIGHT, I'LL BE SAFE IN THE NEXT OFFICE!

BUT ONCE ALONE, THE "KING" MAKES FAST TRACKS TO A MORE IMPORTANT DESTINATION...

**BATMAN**--I MEAN, YOUR MAJESTY--I MEAN...

THAT TRAP THEY USE IN TV JUNGLE STORIES OUGHT TO BE JUST WHAT WE NEED FOR THESE CHARACTERS!

CUT THE TRIGGER-ROPE, "**BATMAN**"!

DONE--"**YOUR MAJESTY**"!

QUICK, WE CAN RE-EXCHANGE IDENTITIES BEFORE THE OTHERS COME!

I'M SORRY I GAVE YOU ALL THIS TROUBLE, **BATMAN**--THOUGH I ENJOYED EVERY MINUTE OF IT!

AND SOON, WITH **BATMAN** HIMSELF AGAIN...

WONDERFUL NEWS, YOUR MAJESTY! YOUR GREAT SPEECH MADE A DEEP IMPRESSION--OFFICIALS HAVE PHONED ME THAT THE LOAN TO NORANIA WILL GO THROUGH!

**YOU'RE** THE ONE TO THANK, **BATMAN!** WORDS CAN'T EXPRESS HOW MUCH YOU'VE DONE FOR US!

BY THE WAY--**YOU** HAVE THE REAL JEWELS, HAVEN'T YOU? **YOU'RE** THE ONLY ONE WHO COULD HAVE SWITCHED THEM!

YES--IN CASE THE LOAN WAS REFUSED, I MEANT TO PUT UP THE JEWELS FOR SECURITY, WITHOUT ANYONE KNOWING! BUT THANKS TO YOUR SPEECH, THAT WON'T BE NECESSARY!

SO DAYS LATER, WHEN A GREAT SHIP SETS SAIL...

HE'S A SWELL PERSON AND A GOOD KING, **ROBIN!**

YES--BUT HE'S A TERRIBLE **BATMAN!** THAT'S ONE JOB NOT EVEN A KING CAN FILL!

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# BATMAN

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HAVE YOU EVER WONDERED WHERE BRUCE WAYNE WENT TO PREPARE HIMSELF FOR HIS DANGEROUS CAREER AS **BATMAN**? WHERE DID HE LEARN THE SCIENTIFIC KNOWLEDGE HE USES TO TRAP SMUG CRIMINALS?... WHERE DID HE LEARN TO TRAIN HIS BODY UNTIL IT BECAME THE SUPERB FIGHTING MACHINE IT IS TODAY? WHERE? THE ANSWER LIES BACK IN...

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ONE MORNING, BRUCE WAYNE, WEALTHY PLAY-BOY AND GUARDIAN OF YOUNG DICK GRAYSON, RECEIVES AN INTERESTING LETTER...

HMM! YOU'VE BEEN INVITED TO A THREE DAY CRUISE ON A YACHT-- FOR A REUNION WITH SOME PALS FROM YOUR OLD COLLEGE ATHLETIC TEAMS!

I WISH I COULD SEE SOME OF THE OLD GANG AGAIN--BUT I CAN'T TAKE TIME OFF FROM OUR WORK, DICK!

THEIR WORK? WHEN THEIR IDENTITIES ARE MASKED, THIS MAN AND YOUTH ARE THOSE FAMED CRIME-FIGHTERS-- **BATMAN** AND **ROBIN**, THE **BOY WONDER!**

IT'S BEEN PRETTY QUIET THESE DAYS, **BATMAN**... I CAN HANDLE ANYTHING THAT MIGHT COME UP, SO WHY DON'T YOU GO TO THE REUNION AFTER ALL!

ALL RIGHT-- MAYBE I WILL, **ROBIN!**

# BATMAN

SO NEXT DAY ON THE HIGH SEAS, A HAPPY GATHERING OF OLD FRIENDS TAKES PLACE

BRUCE, IT'S GREAT SEEING YOU AGAIN AFTER ALL THESE YEARS!

REMEMBER THE GREAT TIMES WE HAD AT **GOTHAM COLLEGE?** WE WERE ALWAYS TOGETHER-- EXCEPT WHEN BRUCE STUDIED!

ONE THING I NEVER UNDERSTOOD IS WHY YOU TOOK A COURSE IN CRIMINOLOGY EVEN THOUGH YOU NEVER USED IT IN LATER LIFE!

AT THAT TIME I HAD A GOOD REASON...

'YES--A GOOD REASON INDEED! AS BRUCE'S THOUGHTS WHIRL HIM BACK TO THE PAST, TO THAT FIRST DAY HE CAME TO COLLEGE...

WHEN MY PARENTS WERE KILLED BY A BANDIT I SWORE I'D DEDICATE MY LIFE TO FIGHTING CRIME! NOW I'M READY TO PREPARE MYSELF FOR MY CHOSEN CAREER!

FROM THAT DAY ON, BRUCE WORKED HARD TO MASTER THE COLLEGE'S COURSE IN SCIENTIFIC CRIMINAL INVESTIGATION...

ALL FINGERPRINTS ARE IDENTIFIED BY WHORLS AND RIDGE CHARACTERISTICS...

OTHER STUDENTS COULD TAKE TIME TO RELAX, BUT NOT BRUCE.

HOW ABOUT BOWLING WITH US TONIGHT, BRUCE?

SORRY, PETE-- I'VE GOT SOME LAB WORK TO DO!

A SUDDEN QUESTION INTERRUPTS BRUCE'S RECOLLECTIONS.

BY THE WAY, WHO'S OUR HOST ON THIS CRUISE? NOBODY SEEMS TO KNOW!

I'VE BEEN WONDERING ABOUT THAT MYSELF... OUR INVITATIONS WERE UNSIGNED!

YOU CAN STOP WONDERING, GENTLEMEN! I'M YOUR HOST!

DANTON! JOE DANTON! AFTER ALL THESE YEARS!

# BATMAN

AGAIN, BRUCE RECALLS HIS COLLEGE DAYS, WHEN HE ALSO TRAINED HIS BODY TO MUSCULAR PERFECTION ON ATHLETIC TEAMS ..

NICE GOING, BRUCE.. YOU'VE GOT DANTON PINNED DOWN!

IN SPORTS COMPETITION, HIS PATH ALWAYS SEEMED TO CROSS DANTON'S ..

COACH, WHY'D YOU YANK ME AND PUT IN WAYNE?

YOU'VE BEEN IGNORING SIGNALS-- YOU WANT TO CARRY THE BALL ALL THE TIME SO YOU CAN GET ALL THE GLORY... YOU FORGET YOU'RE PLAYING ON A *TEAM!*

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NO MATTER WHAT THE GAME, THE RESULT WAS ALWAYS THE SAME...

I CALLED FOR A BUNT-- BUT INSTEAD, YOU SWUNG FOR THE FENCES AND STRUCK OUT! DANTON, WHY CAN'T YOU BE A GOOD TEAM-PLAYER, LIKE WAYNE?

WAYNE-- IT'S ALWAYS WAYNE!

DANTON'S JEALOUSY OF BRUCE GREW AND GREW-- TILL FINALLY, DURING A CLASS FENCING MATCH.

GOT YOU THAT TIME, WAYNE... HA, HA!

OW! MY WRIST!

DANTON!... THAT WAS THE LOWEST YET! YOU TOOK HIM BY SURPRISE, WITHOUT EVEN PUTTING THE PROTECTIVE RUBBER TIP ON YOUR FOIL!

FROM THAT DAY ON, AN ODD-SHAPED SCAR ON BRUCE'S WRIST WAS PERMANENT EVIDENCE OF DANTON'S GRUDGE ..

AFTER THIS UNSPORTSMANLIKE ACT, BRUCE'S TEAMMATES SHUNNED DANTON - AND HE GREW TO HATE THEM AS WELL...

YOU CAN'T TREAT ME LIKE I'M A NOBODY! SOME DAY I'LL GET EVEN WITH ALL OF YOU!

# BATMAN

YES, I SAID I'D GET EVEN WITH YOU SOME DAY, AND THIS IS THE DAY! LOOK OUT THERE... WHAT DO YOU SEE?

GREAT SCOTT! IT'S A **MINE** THE KIND THEY USED DURING THE WAR!

QUICKLY, DANTON FIRES A BULLET AT THE MINE--AND IT DETONATES WITH A THUNDEROUS ROAR!

EXACTLY... AND THIS BULLET WILL PROVE THAT WHAT I'M GOING TO SAY NEXT IS NO BLUFF!

THERE ARE THREE MORE MINES AHEAD--BUT I ANCHORED THEM SO THAT THEY FLOAT BELOW THE SURFACE AND CAN'T BE SEEN! THIS YACHT IS DRIFTING TOWARDS THEM NOW!

I'VE SMASHED THE RADIO-- AND DESTROYED THE VESSEL'S STEERING APPARATUS--SO THERE'S NO POSSIBLE WAY YOU CAN PREVENT THE INEVITABLE!

YOU FOOL..! WHAT ABOUT **YOU?** IF THIS YACHT BLOWS UP, YOU'LL DIE TOO!

SO WHAT? MY DOCTORS TOLD ME THAT I HAVE A BAD HEART... THAT MY DAYS ARE NUMBERED ANYHOW! SO I MIGHT AS WELL DIE NOW, AND TAKE YOU ALL WITH ME... HA, HA!

WE'RE TRAPPED ON A DOOMED SHIP WITH A CRAZED MAN! WHAT CAN WE DO?

THEY'RE SO WORRIED ABOUT TRYING TO SURVIVE-- THEY WON'T NOTICE IF I'M MISSING...

DOWN BELOW, BRUCE SWIFTLY SHEDS HIS OUTER GARB...

THEY'RE IN A BAD PANIC... SOMEBODY'S GOT TO TAKE CHARGE IN THIS EMERGENCY--SOMEBODY THEY'LL OBEY WITHOUT QUESTION! THAT SOMEBODY WILL HAVE TO BE **BATMAN!**

MOMENTS LATER, A SILKEN LASSO CARRIES A SWOOPING FIGURE ACROSS THE DECK...

LOOK!

IT'S BATMAN!

WHERE DID HE COME FROM?

I'LL TAKE THAT RIFLE--BEFORE YOU START TAKING POT SHOTS AT EVERYBODY BELOW!

AS THEY GRAPPLE, DANTON'S CLAWING HAND ACCIDENTALLY PULLS DOWN BATMAN'S RIGHT GLOVE SO THAT...

WHAT--? ONLY ONE MAN HAS A SCAR LIKE THAT! BATMAN MUST BE BRUCE WAYNE!

OH, OH... DANTON'S RECOGNIZED THE SCAR! HE KNOWS MY IDENTITY!

THUS, IT IS WITH A SENSE OF DREAD THAT BATMAN CARRIES DANTON TO THE DECK...

WHAT ARE YOU DOING HERE, BATMAN?

I WAS... UH.. HIDING BELOW! I--I SUSPECTED DANTON MIGHT TRY SOMETHING, BUT I HAD NO IDEA HE'D GO THIS FAR!

WE'RE GOING TO DIE! ALL OF US--WE'RE GOING TO DIE!

STOP IT! DON'T YOU SEE YOU'RE PLAYING RIGHT INTO DANTON'S HANDS? HE WANTS YOU TO BECOME PANICKY, SO HE CAN ENJOY WATCHING IT!

BESIDES, WE HAVE A CHANCE OF GETTING BACK ALIVE! HODGES, YOU'RE A SKIN-DIVING FAN.. DID YOU BRING ANY GEAR WITH YOU?

WHY, YES-- I THOUGHT I'D DO SOME SKIN-DIVING DURING THE CRUISE...

HASTILY, THE CAPED CRIME-BUSTER SWITCHES TO HODGES' UNIQUE COSTUME...

WHAT ARE YOU GOING TO DO?

JUST WHAT THE "FROGMEN" DID DURING THE WAR-- HUNT MINES!

CLINGING TO THE LADDER DANGLING BELOW THE SURFACE, BATMAN CAREFULLY SCANS THE DEPTHS FOR ANY MENACE IN THE YACHT'S DRIFT...

MINE AHEAD-- AND RIGHT IN OUR PATH!

IN A MOMENT, HE BECOMES A HUMAN MINE-SWEEPER!

THIS IS LIKE PLAYING "CATCH" WITH A STICK OF DYNAMITE!

AS THE FREED EXPLOSIVE POPS TO THE SURFACE, BATMAN SPEEDS BACK TO THE YACHT DRIFTING TOWARDS IT...

HURRY... GET ME A HAMMER OR A WRENCH-- ANYTHING THAT'S HEAVY METAL!

NEXT INSTANT, AS A WELL-AIMED HAMMER REACHES ITS MARK...

YAHOO! ONE DOWN-- TWO TO GO!

WE'VE GOT A CHANCE NOW-- A BIG CHANCE!

BOOM!

BUT FOR BATMAN, ANOTHER PROBLEM STILL PERSISTS...

EVEN IF THE OTHERS SURVIVE, I'LL GET EVEN WITH WAYNE! I'LL EXPOSE HIS IDENTITY-- AND THAT WILL FINISH HIM AS EFFECTIVELY AS AN EXPLODING MINE!

HE'S PLAYING A CAT-AND-MOUSE GAME WITH ME! WHEN IS HE GOING TO EXPOSE ME?

LATER, CONTINUING HIS MINE-SWEEPING WORK, BATMAN EXPLODES THE SECOND MINE-- AND IS ABOUT TO CUT THE THIRD ONE LOOSE, WHEN SUDDENLY...

A SHARK-- AND IT'S SPOTTED ME!

KNIFE IN HAND, BATMAN RISES TO MEET THE ONRUSHING TORPEDO-LIKE SHAPE...

GOT TO MAKE THIS FAST-- SO I CAN FINISH CUTTING THAT MINE LOOSE BEFORE THE YACHT RIDES INTO IT!

MORTALLY WOUNDED, THE SEA CREATURE THRASHES ABOUT WILDLY...

GREAT SCOTT! HIS STRONG TAIL IS CERTAIN TO HIT ONE OF THE MINE'S TRIGGERS-- AND SET IT OFF!

MUST GET AWAY FAST-- GOT TO PUT MORE SPACE BETWEEN ME AND THE MINE BEFORE THE SHARK DETONATES IT!

ALL AT ONCE, THE SEA CHURNS IN A TITANIC ERUPTION, FLINGING UP HUMAN FLOTSAM...

LOOK! BATMAN! HE WAS CAUGHT IN THE EXPLOSION!

BOOM

HURRIEDLY, THEY BRING IN THE LIMP FIGURE AND WORK DESPERATELY TO REVIVE HIM...

HE'S BEEN BATTERED, AND HE'S SWALLOWED A LOT OF WATER... BUT HE'LL BE OKAY! HE'S A HARD MAN TO REMOVE!

BUT BATMAN'S BIGGEST DANGER IS FAR FROM OVER AS HE FINALLY RISES TO HIS FEET...

YOU SAVED THEM, BATMAN... I'M THE ONLY ONE WHO'LL DIE! MY HEART! IT'S GOING... SO I'VE GOT TO SAY WHAT I HAVE TO-- QUICKLY!

THIS IS IT! HE'S GOING TO EXPOSE ME NOW!

I WANT TO TALK TO YOU--IN PRIVATE!

WHAT??

LATER, ALONE IN A CABIN...

I DIDN'T WANT THE OTHERS TO HEAR! I KNOW YOU ARE BRUCE WAYNE--BUT I WANT YOUR SECRET TO DIE WITH ME!

WATCHING YOU RISK YOUR LIFE TO SAVE THE OTHERS--KNOWING YOU'VE DEDICATED YOURSELF TO THAT PURPOSE--MADE ME SUDDENLY REALIZE HOW SELFISH I'VE BEEN ALL MY LIFE!

I'VE ALWAYS THOUGHT OF MYSELF--NEVER OF OTHERS! MY OBSESSION CONTROLLED MY THINKING! TELL THE GANG I'M SORRY--ASK THEM TO FORGIVE ME...

I'LL TELL THEM--AND I KNOW THEY'LL FORGIVE YOU, AS I DO!

AND SO, LATER, WHEN A PASSING SHIP RESCUES THEM FROM THE CRIPPLED YACHT, BATMAN REJOINS HIS FRIENDS IN HIS BRUCE WAYNE IDENTITY...

POOR CANTON. BUT BATMAN SAID HE DIED HAPPY! HE ACTUALLY HAD A SMILE ON HIS FACE!

BY THE WAY, WHERE'D BATMAN GO TO? I DON'T SEE HIM ANYWHERE!

YOU KNOW HOW IT IS WITH BATMAN... WHEN HIS JOB'S DONE, HE DISAPPEARS! BUT IF YOU EVER NEED HIM, I'M SURE HE'LL BE AROUND!

THE END

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OH -- OH --

KEEP OFF

I'D BETTER CALL THE SARGE!

SARGE, THIS IS CASEY! THERE'S A BIG FIRE A MILE FROM HERE. IT'S THE CIGARET FACTORY!

OKAY! BUT IF YOU'RE A MILE AWAY HOW DO YOU KNOW IT'S THE CIGARET FACTORY ?

OH, IT'S EASY!

END


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CHUCKLE!?- WE'VE GOT FOSDICK LOCKED IN THE TIME CAPSULE!?

HE CAN'T GET OUT FOR A MILLION YEARS!?

ONE MILLION YEARS LATER

EGAD!? THINGS HAVE CHANGED!?

ONLY IN A FEW MINOR RESPECTS BUT WE STILL USE THE GREATEST INHERITANCE OF YOUR ANCIENT CULTURE

NAMELY WILDROOT CREAM-OIL!?— NOTHING HAS EVER SURPASSED IT!?- KEEPS HAIR NEAT AND NATURAL!

WILDROOT CREAM-OIL

YES!?-ALSO REMOVES SHUDDER!-LOOSE DANDRUFF -CONTAINS NATURE'S SOOTHING LANOLIN!?

GET WILDROOT CREAM-OIL, CHARLIE!!

BUT THAT WOULD BE ILLEGAL! MY NAME IS EHRANC!!

# He Tracks Disappearing Acts

### In Tracing Missing Persons, the Sleuth Uses Many Devices to Catch Up with the Fugitive

THERE is no end of reasons why men try to kick over the traces, vanish into thin air, and take up new identities in another part of the country. The chief reason seems to be a desire to evade the law.

Unfortunately for these men who pull vanishing acts, there is similarly no end of ways in which detectives who specialize in tracing missing persons catch up with them.

Take the case of an auto mechanic who, not long ago, helped himself to funds belonging to the garage for which he worked. He left his place of employment one short step ahead of the police, and lit out at once for parts unknown.

Operating on the theory that if he didn't stay too long in any one place nobody could possibly catch up with him, he kept moving from one city to the next, taking jobs with one garage after another, and all under assumed names.

But, to his astonishment, he found himself in the clutches of the tracking lawman in the 14th city he had moved to since he first started fleeing.

What was the clue that led the detective to his doorstep? His mistake in sticking to his trade! For once the sleuth became aware of the pattern, all he did was blanket garages throughout that entire area with photos of the wanted man, and sit back and wait.

One day, the detective received a message from a garage owner to the effect that the man in the photo had applied for a job. The arrest was made that evening.

A large number of men leave fake suicide notes before they disappear. By this device, they hope to discourage the usual search for a "living" person. What they don't know is that skip-tracing detectives pay little heed to suicide notes in the absence of the suicide's body.

A recent "suicide" was a manufac-

turer who had gambled away most of the assets of his corporation's property. This man went to a lot of trouble to make it look real.

After writing a farewell note to one of his business associates, he drove his car to the beach and hired a boat. When he failed to return, the owner of the boat reported it to the police. A further check revealed the suicide note; a still further check revealed the reason for his apparent act.

But the detective assigned to the case was not at all satisfied. Digging into the man's background, he found what later proved to be two important clues. First, he learned that the man had no particular skill. This meant it would be difficult for him to find a job. Second, he learned that the man was a veteran of World War I, and had never applied for the bonus due him.

Throughout the years that followed, the detective made it a point to check with the Veterans Administration. His patience paid off. Seven years after the supposed drowning, the man applied for his bonus payment. The news was relayed to the detective at once, and several days later the lawman tapped the amazed "suicide" on the shoulder in the store where he worked as a clerk.

Although skip-tracing sleuths have developed a technique all their own to track missing persons, much of their success depends on their ability to observe small details. A detective was once assigned to keep an eye on a valuable witness needed to testify in a criminal case for the prosecution. The district attorney had reason to believe that the witness, who was known to have underworld connections, might skip out.

The witness was informed that he could remain at liberty pending the start of the trial if he made no attempt to leave town. The detective was to make periodic visits to see that this arrangement was carried out.

During one such visit, the detective strolled into the bedroom. Opening a dresser drawer, he noticed that the witness's articles were neatly stacked, as one would do preparatory to packing them in a valise. The witness was taken in for safekeeping. He later admitted that he had intended to leave town.

In tracing a missing person, the detective tries to find out as much of the subject's background as possible. Recently, a middle-aged man left home one morning on his way to work. Not only did he fail to arrive at work, but his wife reported that he had failed to return home that evening.

Police were completely puzzled as to the man's motive. He seemed to have led a happy life at home, and his relations with his employer were excellent. No hint of trouble of any kind in the man's life, and no sign of foul play—yet, the man vanished without leaving a trace of his whereabouts, nor a motive for his disappearance if voluntary!

The detective assigned to the case went back into the man's past life. He learned that years before the missing man had acted briefly in a few plays. When he married, he gave up the stage.

The detective began a systematic reading of the country's theater magazines and newspapers. Months later, he found what he was seeking—a notice that the missing man was cast in a play on the west coast. Weeks later, the detective and the man's wife sat in the audience watching the "missing man" do what he had yearned to do for years—go back to his first love, the theater!

—Jack E. Miller

THE SHRIEK OF A FIRE-SIREN, THE CLANG OF AN ALARM, THE THUNDER OF RACING FIRE-TRUCKS-- AND **BATMAN** AND **ROBIN**, THE BOY WONDER, ANSWER ANOTHER CALL TO ACTION! YES, FOR GOOD REASONS THE DYNAMIC DUO SWITCH ITS ACTIVITIES FROM THE POLICE TO THE FIRE DEPARTMENT! AND ALL THEIR SLEUTHING SKILL BECOMES CHALLENGED BY FLAMING MYSTERY WHEN URGENT DANGER SOUNDS...

# THE THIRD ALARM FOR BATMAN!

BATMAN
ROBIN

IT'S THE NEW BAT-ALARM! ANOTHER JOB FOR US AS FIRE-DETECTIVES!

BONG BONG

FD

BOB KANE

IT WAS ONLY A MATCH, CARELESSLY TOSSED AWAY...

...BUT IT SPARKED A DEVASTATING HOLOCAUST...

UNNECESSARY FIRES LIKE THIS COST FORTUNES AND LIVES! WELL, I HAVE A PLAN TO DO SOMETHING ABOUT IT!

A FEW DAYS LATER, IN POLICE COMMISSIONER GORDON'S OFFICE

I SUGGEST GOTHAM CITY HOLD A FIRE PREVENTION WEEK TO STOP THESE UNNECESSARY BLAZES! BATMAN AND ROBIN COULD HELP US A LOT!

WE'D SURE LIKE TO CO-OPERATE, BUT--

--WE'RE TRYING TO FIND OUT HOW MERCHANDISE STOLEN IN GOTHAM CITY IS BEING SMUGGLED TO DISTANT CITIES! THAT'S A SERIOUS MATTER RIGHT NOW!

THE DEPARTMENT WILL KEEP ON THAT PROBLEM, BATMAN! I WANT YOU TO FEEL FREE TO HELP FIRE-CHIEF WALLER!

THEN YOU CAN COUNT ON US, CHIEF!

GOOD! FIRST, I NEED YOU TWO TO HELP PUBLICIZE OUR FIRE PREVENTION WEEK, BY ACTING AS "FIRE DETECTIVES"! I'LL EXPLAIN --

SOON, THE DYNAMIC DUO CONVERTS THE FAMED BATMOBILE INTO A FIREMOBILE!

SO, AS "FIRE DETECTIVES," WE'RE TO DISCOVER THE CAUSES BEHIND ACCIDENTAL FIRES? IT'S AN ODD KIND OF SLEUTHING!

BUT IMPORTANT! UNNECESSARY FIRES COST INSURANCE COMPANIES MILLIONS-- BUT LISTEN, THAT'S THE BAT-ALARM THAT CHIEF WALLER FIXED UP ESPECIALLY FOR US! COME ON!

ACCORDING TO THE SIGNAL-CODE, THE FIRE'S IN THE SECTION NEAR THE GOTHAM CENTRAL RAILROAD YARDS!

WOW--I ALWAYS DID LIKE TO FOLLOW FIRE-ENGINES!

BUT IT'S A GRIM SPECTACLE THAT CONFRONTS THE TWO NEW "FIRE-SLEUTHS"!

BATMAN, LOOK-- PILES OF TIES BESIDE THE YARDS HAVE BURNED AND SET FIRE TO THE WOODEN BOX-CARS!

THE FIREMEN ARE ALREADY HERE-- DEPEND ON THEM TO BE FAST!

SUDDENLY, A PERILOUS PROBLEM CONFRONTS THE FIRE-CHIEF...

MEN, PLAY YOUR HOSES ON THE BOX-CARS -- THE RAILROAD WORKERS SAY THERE ARE CARS OF EXPLOSIVES IN THIS YARD!

ANYTHING WE CAN DO, CHIEF?

YES! SEE IF YOU CAN GET THE RAILROAD MEN TO HAUL THESE BURNING BOX-CARS OUT BEFORE THE FIRE REACHES THE EXPLOSIVES CARS!

RIGHT!

THE SWITCH-ENGINE CREWS HURRIED OVER TO HELP FIGHT THE FIRE -- I'M TRYING TO GET THEM BACK HERE!

NO TIME FOR THAT -- ***ROBIN*** AND I WILL DO IT!

SECONDS LATER, A SWITCH-ENGINE RUMBLES INTO LIFE, SWIFTLY BACKING TOWARD FLAMING FREIGHT-CARS!

THEN BE READY TO ACT FAST -- WE'RE GOING TO HIGHBALL FOR THAT WATER-TOWER!

WE'VE HOOKED ON, ***BATMAN!***

SOON, AT THE TOWER THAT SUPPLIES WATER TO LOCOMOTIVES...

GOT IT!

I'LL GIVE EACH BURNING CAR A FULL WETTING DOWN!

THEN, WITH THE BURNING BOX-CARS EXTINGUISHED, THE DUO FINDS EFFICIENT FIREMEN ALREADY HAVE THE MAIN BLAZE UNDER CONTROL!

GOOD WORK, ***BATMAN*** -- BUT YOUR REAL JOB IS TO FIND OUT WHAT STARTED THIS BLAZE! IT SEEMS IT BEGAN IN THE DRY GRASS AND SPREAD TO THE PILES OF TIES AND THEN THE BOX-CARS!

WE'LL FIND OUT WHAT WE CAN!

INVESTIGATION BY THE FIRE-SLEUTHS LEADS TO A NEARBY SPOT...

HMM... IT LOOKS LIKE YOUNGSTERS MADE A CAMPFIRE HERE FOR A WEENIE ROAST!

AND SET THE DRY GRASS AFIRE! WHEN THE BLAZE SWEPT TO THE NEARBY RAILROAD TIES AND CARS, THE KIDS RAN AWAY!

AND NEXT MORNING'S NEWSPAPERS...

BATMAN'S CERTAINLY PUBLICIZING FIRE PREVENTION WEEK-- BUT I WISH WE HAD HIM HELPING US HUNT DOWN THOSE STOLEN-GOODS SMUGGLERS!

SO DO I-- BUT WE JUST CAN'T GET A LINE ON HOW THOSE SMUGGLERS OPERATE!

GOTHAM GAZETTE

BATMAN SHOWS HOW CARELESS CAMPFIRE IMPERILS FREIGHT CARS

BUT, MEANWHILE THE DJO IS PLENTY BUSY! FOR, IN THE BRUCE WAYNE MANSION...

NO TIME FOR BREAKFAST, DICK-- THAT'S THE BAT-ALARM!

OUCH, I'M BEGINNING TO UNDERSTAND HOW TOUGH A FIREMAN'S LIFE CAN BE!

BONG BONG

MINUTES LATER, IN AN OLDER RESIDENTIAL NEIGHBORHOOD...

MY LITTLE TRIXIE-- SHE'S TRAPPED IN THERE!

I CAN GET IN THROUGH THAT LITTLE WINDOW WHERE A FIREMAN COULDN'T, AND GET HER OUT FAST!

GO AHEAD, ROBIN!

EFFICIENT WORK BY FIREMEN SOON PUTS OUT A SMALL BLAZE!

YOU SAVED MY TRIXIE-- YOU'RE A HERO!

LET'S SEE HOW THIS FIRE STARTED!

WHY, NO, WE DIDN'T CHANGE OUR ELECTRIC WIRING! WHY SHOULD WE? IT ALWAYS WORKED FINE!

BUT YOU'VE BOUGHT MANY NEW ELECTRIC APPLIANCES, AND YOUR OLD WIRING COULDN'T TAKE THE LOAD AND STARTED THE BLAZE! BETTER TURN ALL THESE OFF UNTIL YOUR WIRING IS CHECKED!

SUDDENLY, GRIM NEWS FROM THE FIRE CAPTAIN...

BATMAN, A THIRD ALARM FROM THE DOWNTOWN DISTRICT!

WE'RE ON OUR WAY-- SOUNDS SERIOUS!

THAT CAR JUST GOT OUT OF THE WAY IN TIME!

A FIREMAN RISKS HIS LIFE EVERY TIME HE HURRIES TO A FIRE-- WHICH IS ANOTHER REASON WHY PEOPLE OUGHT TO BE CAREFUL!

WHEEEEEE

CLANG

CLANG

YOUR MEN KNOW THEIR JOB AND WE DON'T WANT TO GET IN THEIR WAY, BUT WE'LL DO ANY-THING WE CAN!

NOBODY NEEDS TO TEACH YOU TWO CLIMBING-- YOU CAN HELP TAKE THE EMERGENCY ESCAPE-LADDERS UP TO PEOPLE TRAPPED ON THE UPPER FLOORS!

DON'T GET PANICKY-- PANIC KILLS MORE PEOPLE THAN FLAMES! YOU'LL ALL GET DOWN SAFELY!

LOOK HOW THE INSIDE-MEN IN SMOKE-HELMETS ARE GETTING THE BLAZE OUT-- WHAT A JOB THESE FIRE-MEN DO!

AND SOON, WITH ANOTHER MENACING HOLOCAUST AVERTED...

YES, IT STARTED IN OUR APARTMENT SOMEHOW! AND JUST AFTER I'D FINISHED REDECORATING IT!

YOU MEAN YOU PAINTED ITS WALLS? WHAT DID YOU DO WITH THE PAINT-SMEARED AND OILY RAGS YOU HAD LEFT?

WHY, I JUST PUT THEM IN A CLOSET UNTIL THE TRASH-COLLECTOR CAME!

DON'T YOU KNOW THAT PAINT-SOAKED AND GREASY RAGS LEFT LIKE THAT CAN START FIRES? YOU COULD HAVE LOST YOUR OWN LIFE AND ALL THESE OTHERS, IF IT HADN'T BEEN FOR THE FIREMEN!

COMMISSIONER GORDON IS ALSO ON HAND AT THE BIG FIRE...

I SEE YOU TWO ARE DOING FINE AS FIRE-DETECTIVES -- BUT THOSE STOLEN-GOODS SMUGGLERS ARE STILL UNCAUGHT! I'LL BE GLAD WHEN YOU'RE BACK WITH US!

WE FAILED TO FIND THEM BEFORE, SIR, BUT WE'LL SURE TRY AGAIN!

AND AS THE WEARY AND SMOKE-GRIMED DUO DRIVES HOMEWARD...

IT PUZZLES ME-- HOW COULD SUCH QUANTITIES OF LOOT BE MOVED OUT OF GOTHAM CITY, WHEN EVERY HIGHWAY AND RAILWAY IS WATCHED?

WHAT'S THAT-- ANOTHER BAT-ALARM--? OH, SORRY, **BATMAN**-- GUESS I WAS DROWSING! AFTER A DAY WITH THE FIRE-FIGHTERS, I'LL BE GLAD TO GET A LONG SLEEP!

BUT THE BOY WONDER'S SLUMBERS ARE SHARPLY SHATTERED AT DAWN BY A CLANGING SUMMONS!

BONG BONG BONG BONG

AND AFTER A SWIFT LEAP INTO COSTUME...

GOOD THING WE INSTALLED THIS FIREMAN'S POLE BESIDE THE SECRET STAIR-- IT SAVES SECONDS!

THAT SIGNAL IS FOR A WATERFRONT FIRE! THE FIREBOATS ARE GOING OUT-- WE'VE GOT TO HURRY!

AT THE FIREBOAT DOCKS...

IT'S A BIG FIRE UPRIVER-- THE OTHER FIREBOATS HAVE ALREADY GONE!

FULL SPEED AHEAD!

AND AS THE HIGH-SPEED FIREBOAT RACES UPRIVER PAST THE GOTHAM CITY WATERFRONT...

LOOK AT THAT SMOKE AHEAD-- THAT'S AN OIL-BLAZE!

THAT YACHT-CLUB-- IT COULD BE THE ANSWER TO OUR MYSTERY-- BUT NO TIME TO FOLLOW THAT UP NOW, WITH WHAT'S AHEAD OF US!

EASTERN YACHT CLUB

THE AWESOME INFERNO ON THE WATERS DOES NOT DAUNT THE INTREPID FIREFIGHTERS!

THE BURNING OIL HAS FLOWED OUT ONTO THE RIVER!

WATER WON'T PUT IT OUT! USE THE FOAM EXTINGUISHERS!

WHEN THE BATTLE WITH FLAMES HAS BEEN WON, **BATMAN** AND **ROBIN** SOON PINPOINT THE CAUSE OF THE DISASTER!

YES, THIS WORKER ADMITS HE IGNORED THE "NO SMOKING" SIGN-- AND STARTED IT ALL!

WE HAVE THREE FIREMEN BURNED, AND THEY COULD HAVE BEEN KILLED-- BECAUSE YOU WOULDN'T OBEY A SAFETY REGULATION!

PRESENTLY, BRUCE WAYNE, WEALTHY SPORTSMAN, FINDS HIMSELF STRANGELY UNWELCOME AT THE EASTERN YACHT CLUB!

YES, MR. DALL, I'D LIKE TO TRANSFER FROM THE GOTHAM YACHT CLUB TO YOUR CLUB-- I'M GOING TO KEELHAUL THE BINNACLE OF MY CRAFT AND THIS WOULD BE A HANDIER PLACE FOR ME!

I UNDERSTAND, MR. WAYNE-- BUT OUR MEMBERSHIP LIST IS ALREADY FULL! SORRY!

SOON, **BATMAN** DISCLOSES A DISCOVERY.

YOU THINK THAT SMALL YACHT-CLUB MAY BE CONNECTED WITH THE STOLEN-GOODS SMUGGLING? WHY?

IT HAD A **CARGO-CRANE** ON ITS PIER, WHICH IT WOULDN'T NEED IF IT WERE REALLY A PLEASURE CLUB! I'M GOING TO VISIT IT AS BRUCE WAYNE--YOU STAND BY IN CASE THE BAT-ALARM SOUNDS!

AND SUSPICION SOON CHANGES TO CERTAINTY!

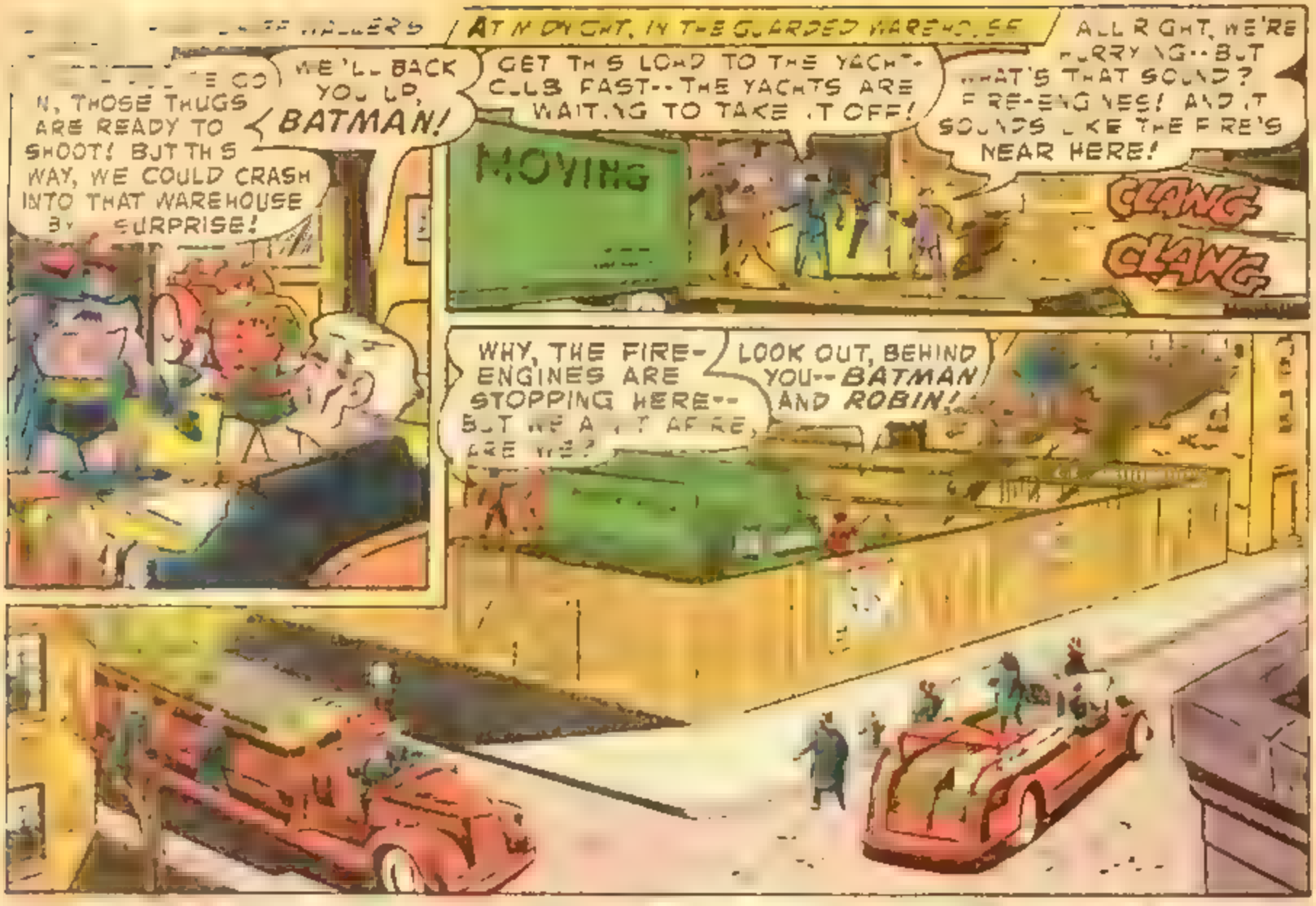
THOSE ARMED THUGS--THEY'RE ON GUARD HERE, SO THEY MUST BE GUARDING THE LOOT THAT'S SHIPPED THROUGH THE YACHT-CLUB! I'M SURE OF IT-- BUT IT'LL BE RISKY TO GET PROOF!

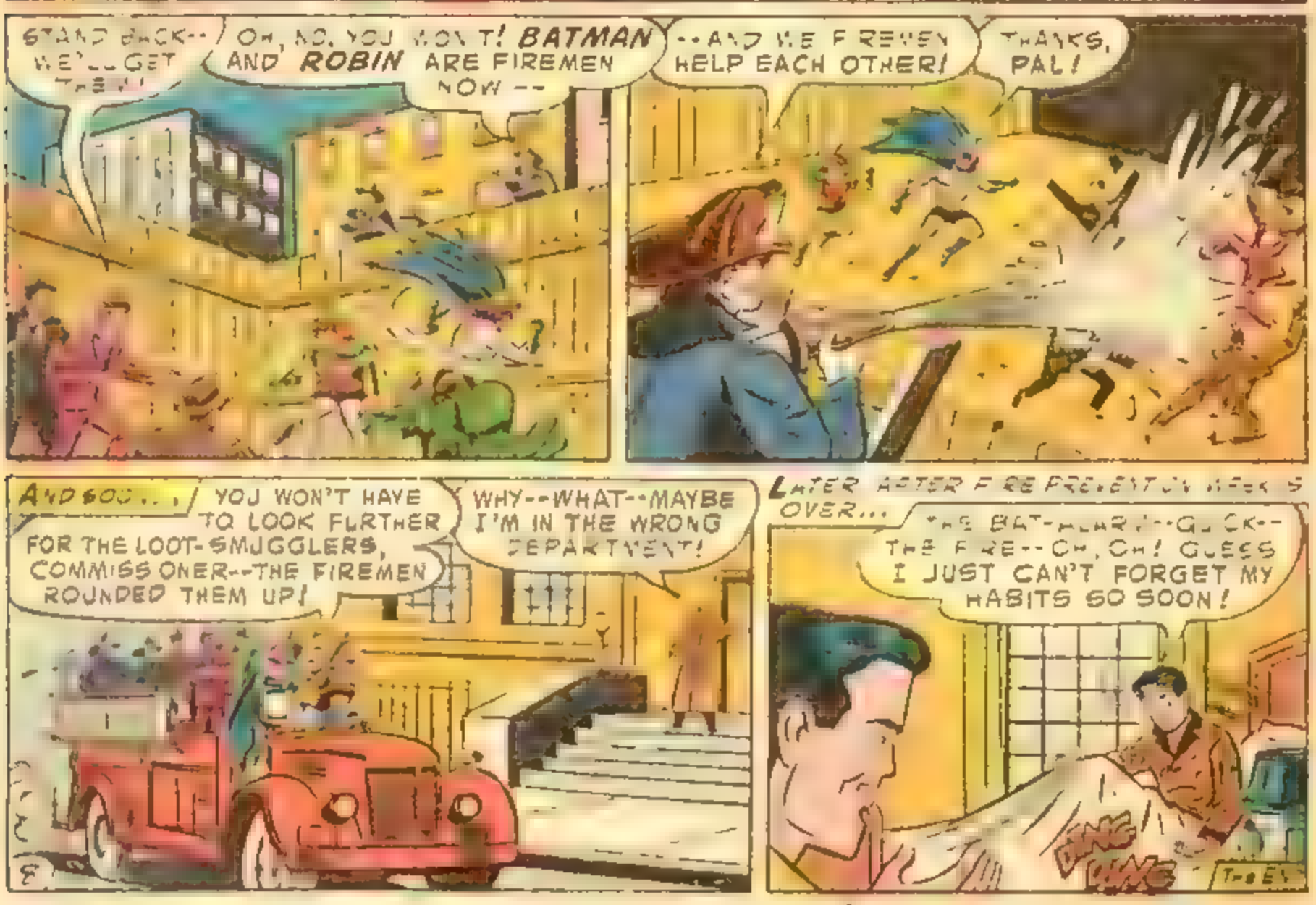
POST NO BILLS

AS BRUCE WAYNE SWITCHES TO HIS SECRET IDENTITY OF **BATMAN** AND WATCHES, HIS SUSPICIONS DEEPEN...

I TALKED **NAUTICAL NONSENSE** TO HIM AND HE DIDN'T KNOW IT, SO HE'S NO YACHTSMAN! HMM-- THEY COULD SHIP OUT STOLEN LOOT IN "PLEASURE YACHTS" FROM HERE, BUT COULDN'T KEEP IT STORED IN THAT SMALL CLUBHOUSE! I'LL FOLLOW MR. DALL!

# BATMAN


AT MIDNIGHT, IN THE GUARDED WAREHOUSE
E CO N, THOSE THUGS ARE READY TO SHOOT! BUT THIS WAY, WE COULD CRASH INTO THAT WAREHOUSE BY SURPRISE!
WE'LL BACK YOU UP, BATMAN!
GET THIS LOAD TO THE YACHT-CLUB FAST--THE YACHTS ARE WAITING TO TAKE IT OFF!
ALL RIGHT, WE'RE HURRYING--BUT WHAT'S THAT SOUND? FIRE-ENGINES! AND IT SOUNDS LIKE THE FIRE'S NEAR HERE!
MOVING
CLANG CLANG
WHY, THE FIRE-ENGINES ARE STOPPING HERE--BUT WE AIN'T AT A FIRE ARE WE?
LOOK OUT, BEHIND YOU--BATMAN AND ROBIN!


STAND BACK--WE'LL GET THEM!
OH, NO, YOU WON'T! BATMAN AND ROBIN ARE FIREMEN NOW --
--AND WE FIREMEN HELP EACH OTHER!
THANKS, PAL!
AND SO...
YOU WON'T HAVE TO LOOK FURTHER FOR THE LOOT-SMUGGLERS, COMMISSIONER--THE FIREMEN ROUNDED THEM UP!
WHY--WHAT--MAYBE I'M IN THE WRONG DEPARTMENT!
LATER AFTER FIRE PREVENTION WEEK IS OVER...
THE BAT-ALARM--QUICK--THE FIRE--OH, OH! GUESS I JUST CAN'T FORGET MY HABITS SO SOON!
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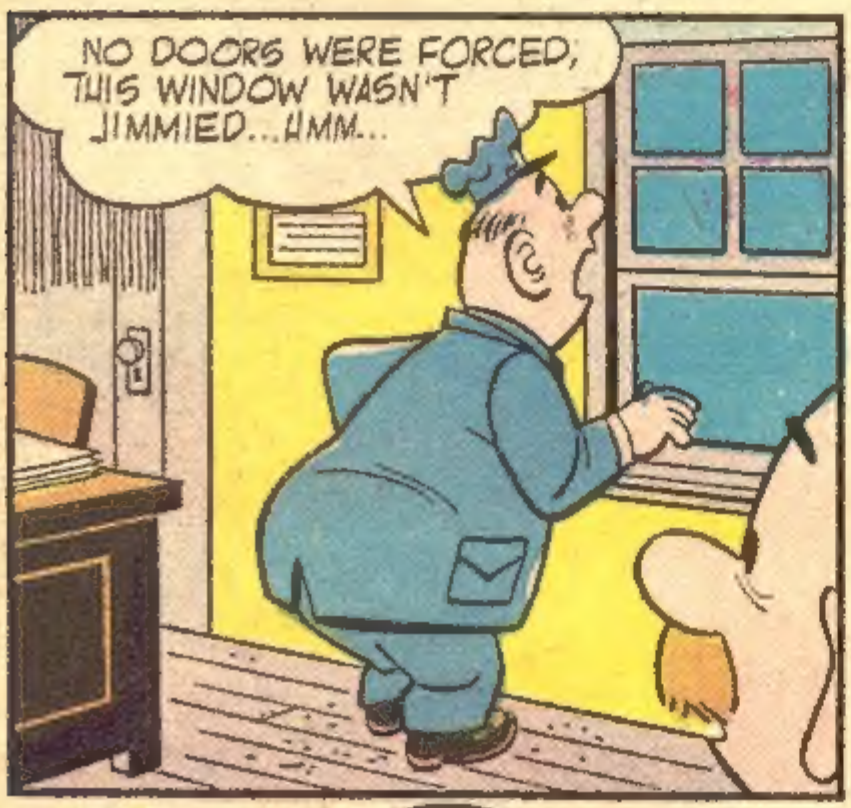

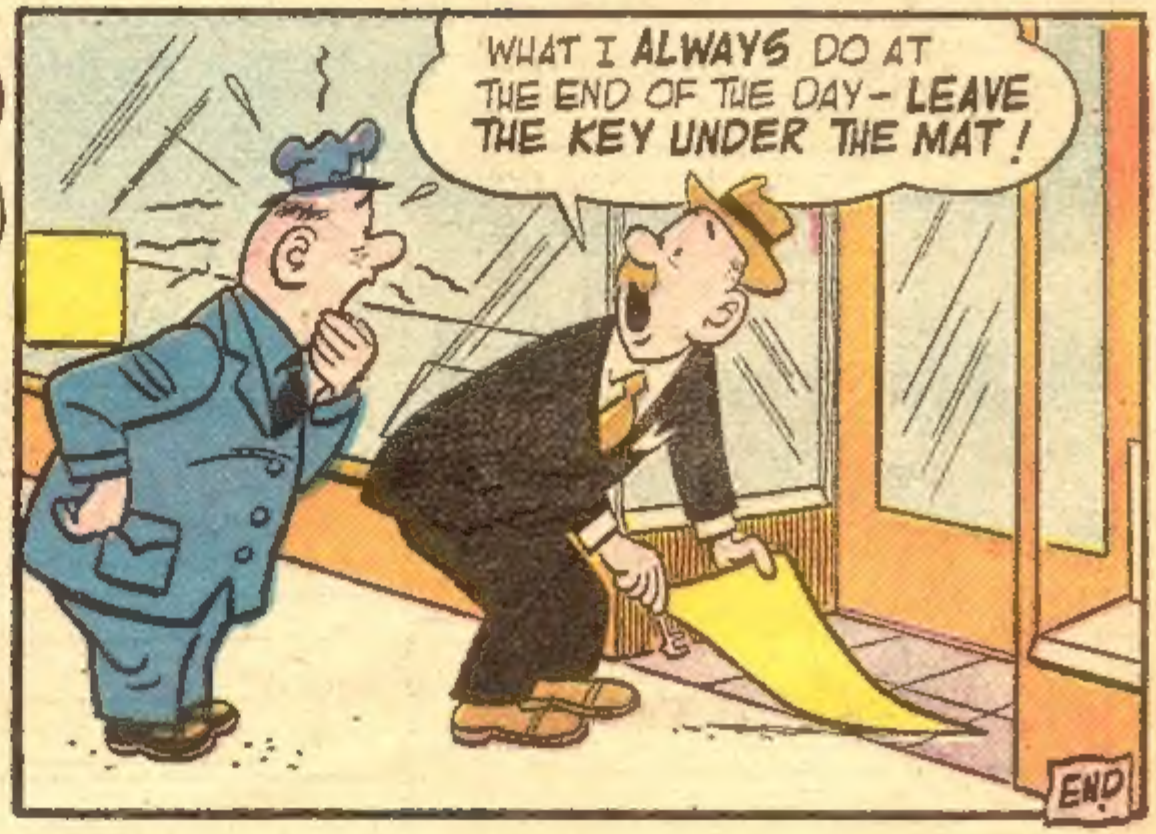

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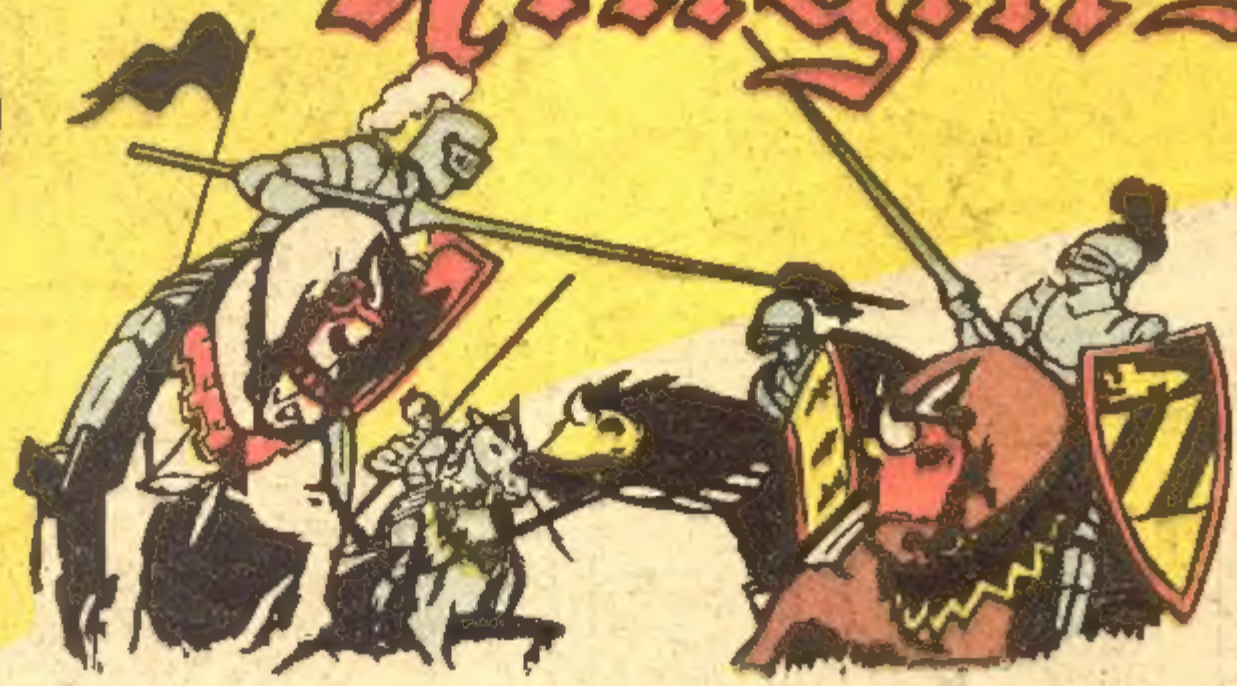

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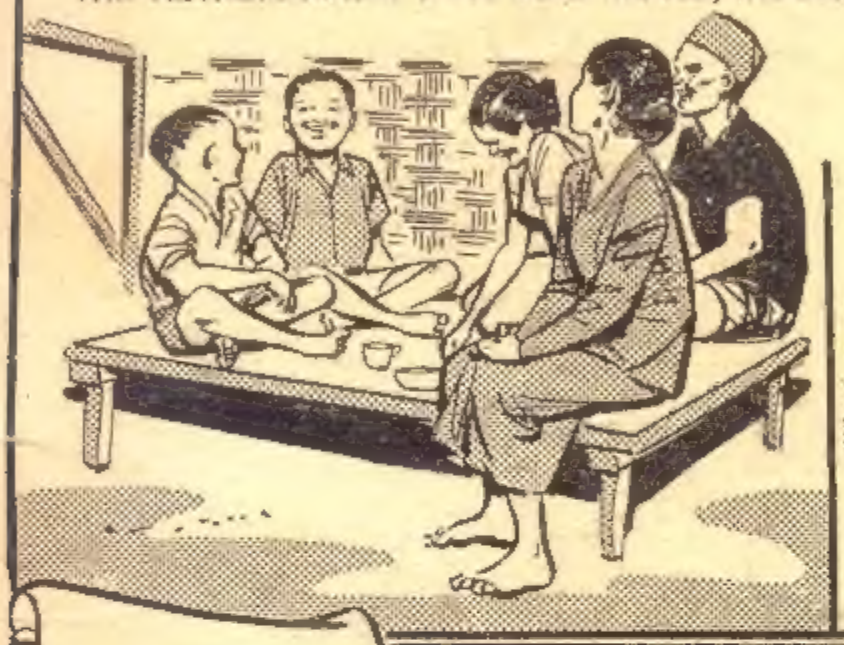
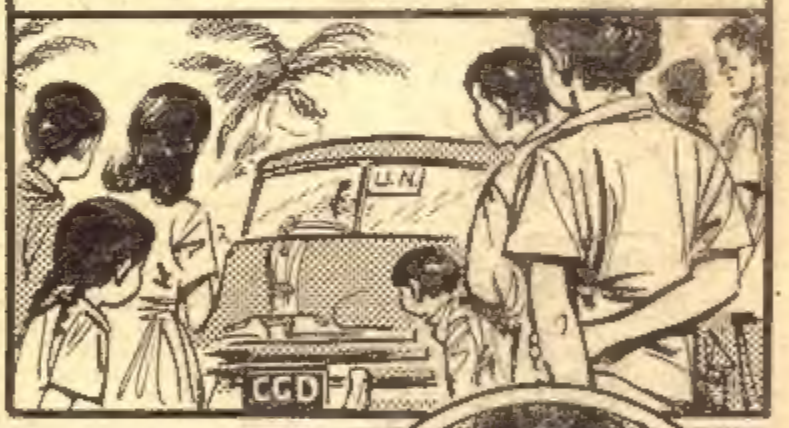


LIKE THE PEOPLE OF THE U.S.A. IN 1776, THE INDONESIANS LONGED FOR FREEDOM AND SELF-GOVERNMENT. WHEN WAR ENDED, AUG. 1945, THEY PROCLAIMED INDEPENDENCE.

THE DUTCH RETURNED. FIGHTING BEGAN. ONE AGREEMENT WAS MADE, AND BROKEN. THEN THE **UN** SECURITY COUNCIL ORDERED A CEASE-FIRE AND SENT A SPECIAL COMMITTEE TO JAVA TO HELP GET ANOTHER AGREEMENT.




THIS ONE, SIGNED ON THE **USS RENVILLE**, WAS BROKEN, TOO. THE **UN** APPOINTED A COMMISSION TO MEET IN HOLLAND WITH REPRESENTATIVES OF BOTH SIDES. AFTER LONG DISCUSSION, THE DISPUTE WAS SETTLED. ON DEC. 27, 1949, FREEDOM WAS GRANTED.

DR. SOEKARNO BECAME THE FIRST PRESIDENT OF THE NEW NATION -- THE REPUBLIC OF THE UNITED STATES OF INDONESIA. IN SEPT. 1950, ON MOTION OF THE DUTCH, IT WAS UNANIMOUSLY ADMITTED AS UN'S 60TH MEMBER NATION.

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